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Patent 6: Method and Composition for Tissue Culture Platforms

BACKGROUND ON VARIOUS STEPS

Title: 4C - Method and Composition for Tissue Culture Platforms

Background

Brief description of what this patent describes:

This patent describes a method to produce a product line by coating conventional tissue culture lab wares such as dishes, flasks, tubes, filter inserts, chamber slides, and microcarriers beads with Diamond Like Carbon (DLC) for the growth of neural cells from human and other origins in tissue culture.

What problem(s) does this address?:

Conventional uncoated tissue culture lab wares are unable to induce attachment and growth of most neural cells of human origin.

How is this different from what's been done by others?:

This invention adds a new coating technique onto conventional lab wares to make them feasible to support the growth, proliferation and differentiation of neural cells of human and other origins.

What future applications might this have?:

The coating of lab wares with DLC may allow the in vitro culture of other hard to grow Human cells.

Specific Methods and/or Compositions

Step-by-step preferred method and/or description of composition:

Use of DLC to make tissue culture dishes, flasks, etc.

To create a specialized tissue culture platform for the growth and maintaining of neuronal cells in vitro for the purpose of propagation of cell lines and performing experiments. The DLC coating products include tissue culture dishes, flasks, slides, filter chambers, polymer beads, sheets, blocks.

Better methods or compositions if new materials or complementary methods become available:

The DLC coat can be added on top of other types of coating (such as extracellular matrix coating, adhesive molecules coating and growth factors coating to generate an improved product for specific human cell growth.

Inventive Contribution, Improvements

(List all the points of this idea you feel are novel, critical, and/or patentable.)

1. To coat conventional tissue culture lab wares with DLC coating for the in vitro culture of neural cells of human and other origins.
2. To sequentially coat conventional tissue culture lab wares with extracellular matrix, of adhesive molecules, or growth factors, and then overlay it with DLC coating to generate improved culture ware for growing human cells in vitro.

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Re: Draft Claims for Application 6
Methods and Compositions for Tissue Culture Platforms
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This patent describes a method to produce a product line by coating conventional tissue culture lab wares such as dishes, flasks, tubes, filter inserts, chamber slides, and microcarriers beads with Diamond Like Carbon (DLC) for the growth of neural cells from human and other origins in tissue culture.

Claims for Application 6

Methods and Compositions for Improved Tissue Culture Apparatus

1. Laboratory apparatus having a coating suitable for inducing the growth and attachment of cells comprising said apparatus having an inside and an outside surface, wherein the inside surface is the surface in contact with cells and cellular media and the inside surface of said apparatus is coated with a film of Diamond-Like-Coating.
2. The apparatus of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of cell culture dishes, petri dishes, tissue culture flasks, plates, bottles, slides, filter chambers, slide chambers, roller bottles, harvesters, and tubing.
3. Laboratory apparatus having a coating suitable for inducing the growth and attachment of cells comprising coating said apparatus with a film of Diamond-Like-Coating layered over at least one other coating.
4. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the coating is an extracellular matrix.
5. The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the coating is BCE-ECM.
6. A method of coating laboratory apparatus suitable for inducing the growth and attachment of cells comprising applying to an inside surface a film of Diamond-Like-Coating.
7. The method of claim 6 further comprising coating the inside surface of said apparatus first with at least one other coating, such as BCE-ECM and then coating with Diamond-Like-Coating.
8. The apparatus made according to the method of claim 6 or 7.

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Composition and Methods for Tissue Culture Platforms

(Title of the Invention)

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